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SPEECH

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1. SUMMARY. ON OCTOBER 6 LUANDA PRESS PUBLISHED COMMENTS BY MPLA
PRESIDENT AGOSTINHO NETO ON SECRETARY KISSINGER'S SPEECH OF
SEPTEMBER 23 WHICH INCLUDED COMMENTS ON AFRICA. NETO REFERRED
TO RECENT NY TIMES ARTICLE THAT REPORTED ALLEGED USG SUPPORT FOR

UNITA AND FNLA.

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2. NETO COMMENTED ON THE SECRETARY'S STATEMENT RELATING TO

"POWERS OUTSIDE OF AFRICA WHICH INTERFERE IN ANGOLAN MATTERS" BY STATING THAT IT WAS PIECE OF HYPOCRISY. NETO NOTED THAT THE STATEMENT WAS MADE WITHIN 48 HOURS OF THE NY TIMES "REVELATION OF KISSINGER'S RESPONSIBILITY IN DECISION TAKEN IN 1973 BY THE CIA AND THE WHITE HOUSE" TO PROVIDE MAXIMUM ASSISTANCE TO FNLA AND UNITA IN ANGOLA, "USING ITS MAIN FRONT MAN, MOBUTU".

3. THE NY TIMES, NETO SAID, STATED THAT ENORMOUS QUANTITIES OF ARMS CONTINUE TO BE TRANSFERRED TO ROBERTO (FNLA) AND SAVIMBI (UNITA) THROUGH MOBUTU AMOUNTING TO HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS OF DOLLARS. NETO SAID THAT THE US ASSISTANCE TO ZAIRE, WHICH HAD BEEN SET AT 20 MILLION DOLLARS THIS YEAR, WILL BE RAISED TO 60 MILLION.

4. THE NY TIMES, NETO SAID, REVEALED THAT ROBERTO HAD ALREADY BEEN CHOSEN BY PRESIDENT J.F. KENNEDY AND CIA TO BE THE LINK BETWEEN ANGOLAN LIBERATION GROUPS AND THE U.S.

5. NETO CONTINUED THAT THE SECRETARY'S COMMENT IS MORE THAN JUST A STATEMENT, IT IS A REAL LAST WARNING TO PROGRESSIVES AGAINST ASSISTING MPLA EITHER MORALLY OR MATERIALLY IN ITS WAR OF LIBERATION AND AGAINST ALL WHO STRUGGLE AGAINST AMERICAN DOMINATION OF AFRICA,

AGAINST ALL WHO UNDERSTAND THAT A MOBUTU VICTORY IN ANGOLA WOULD REPRESENT A GRAVE RISK TO AFRICAN POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC LIBERTY AND ABOVE ALL TO THE INDEPENDENCE AND LIBERTY OF NUMEROUS AFRICAN COUNTRIES.

6. IT IS FOR THIS REASON, NETO SAID, THAT THE AFRICAN PEOPLE MUST MOBILIZE TO FACE THE PLANS OF AMERICAN IMPERIALISM AND THEIR ALLIES AND LACKEYS. THEY MUST NOT, HE CONTINUED, TOLERATE A REPETITION OF THE FORMER BELGIAN CONGO. THEY MUST NOT PERMIT THE CREATION IN THE HEART OF AFRICA A REMOTE CONTROLLED GASTION OF COLONIAL INTERESTS AND NEOCOLONIALISM.

7. NETO THEN CALLED ON CHIEFS OF STATE OF PROGRESSIVE AND REVOLUTIONARY STATES TO AVOID NEW "STANLEYVILLES, PALESTINES, BIAFRAS, VIETNAMS, AND CAMBODIAS". THE U.S. AND ITS ALLIES MUST UNDERSTAND THAT THEIR CONSPIRING AGAINST AFRICA WON'T WORK AND CHINA WILL UNCLASSIFIED

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UNDERSTAND THAT ITS ALLIANCE (WITH MPLA'S OPPONENTS) WILL DEAL A FATAL BLOW TO ITS INFLUENCE WITH THE AFRICAN PEOPLE AND IN THE THIRD WORLD.

8. THE MPLA PRESIDENT URGED THE LEADERS OF NON-ALIGNED STATES TO FOLLOW THE EXAMPLE OF TITO, FIDEL CASTRO, BOUMEDIENNA, SIAD BARRE AND OTHER WHO DID NOT HESITATE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE TO THOSE WHO FIGHT TO THE DEATH SO ANGOLA WILL

BE FOREVER FREE OF COLON-
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